

(a) whether the Union Government have imposed a ceiling on wheat and rice stock holdings of retail and wholesale traders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether necessary directions in this regard have been issued to the States; and

(d) the number of traders arrested for deeping more than the prescribed ceiling of foodgrains along with the action taken against them, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The Central Government decided and advised all States/Union Territories on 7th February, 1992 that maximum stock holding limits for wheat and rice separately should not be more than 250 quintals in case of wholesalers and 50 quintals in case of retailers. The States/UTs were directed to issue necessary orders or amend existing orders under the Essential Commodities Act to provide for these limits with immediate effect and enforce revised stock holding limits vigorously.

(d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Wagons for Brick Kiln Industry

3427. SHRI SURENDER REDDY:
SHRI MUMTAZ ANSARY:
SHRI SIMON MARANDI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have stopped allotment of wagons for transportation of coal to brick kiln industry from February, 1992;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether the Government propose to reconsider and resume allotment of adequate number of wagons to the industry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Recognised Private Engineering Colleges

3428. SHRI MUKUL BALKRISHNA WASNIK: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of private engineering colleges recognised by the All India Council of Technical Education in Maharashtra, district-wise;

(b) the system of admission followed in these engineering colleges;

(c) whether the All India Council of Technical Education has received any proposal during 1991-92 to set up new private engineering colleges in Maharashtra;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the reaction of the AICTE thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) to (e). Information is being collected.

Improvements of Mysore-Araskere Section

3429. SHRI H.D. DEVEGOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any scheme to improve the track between Mysore-Arasikere to make it fit for running high speed trains and to dieselise the trains running on it; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAL-LIKARJUN): (a) There is no scheme to run high speed trains between Mysore and Arasikere. The track is however, fit for the present level of traffic and speed, with diesel traction.

U. K. Assistance for Development of Western Ghats

3430 SHRI G. MADEGOWDA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved a scheme for the development of the Western Ghats with the assistance of the United Kingdom;

(b) if so, the amount of assistance to be provided by the U.K.;

(c) the places covered under the proposed scheme; and

(d) the time by which the scheme is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) A project titled Western Ghats Forestry an Environmental Project has been received from the Karnataka State Government, which has been appraised by the Overseas Development Administration (U.K) The final agreement has not been executed. However, the

pre-project activities have been approved.

(b) The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 105 crores to be provided as grant by the Overseas Development Administration (U.K.).

(c) In the first phase of the project, five Forestry Divisions of the Uttara Kanara Forest Circle of Karnataka will be covered. Additional areas may be taken up after the implementation of the project is reviewed at the end of three years.

(d) The implementation of the project on full scale will be taken up after the formal agreement is executed with the Overseas Development Administration (U.K.).

Education for Disabled Children

3431. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government provide grants for integrated education to the disabled children; and

(b) if so, the allocation thereof, State-wise during 1991-92?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Integrated Education for the Disabled Children, financial assistance is given to the State Government Union Territories and voluntary Organisations for the implementation of the Scheme.

(b) A statement is annexed indicating the grants released to the State Governments/Union Territories during 1991-92.